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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 13 June 2001 (13.06.01)	
International application No. PCT/GB00/03049	Applicant's or agent's file reference H9862WO-DJL
International filing date (day/month/year) 08 August 2000 (08.08.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 13 August 1999 (13.08.99)
Applicant MISTRY, Arvind, Khandubhai	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:13 March 2001 (13.03.01)☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:2. The election ☒ was☐ was not

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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF
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25 SEP 2000 (PCT Rule 24.2(a))
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 13 September 2000 (13.09.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference H9862WO-DJL	International application No. PCT/GB00/03049

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

MISTRY, Arvind, Khandubhai (all designated States)

International filing date : 08 August 2000 (08.08.00)

Priority date(s) claimed : 13 August 1999 (13.08.99)

Date of receipt of the record copy
by the International Bureau : 24 August 2000 (24.08.00)

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ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

☒ time limits for entry into the national phase

☐ confirmation of precautionary designations

☒ requirements regarding priority documents

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 17 November 2000 (17.11.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference H9862WO-DJL	
International application No. PCT/GB00/03049	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 August 2000 (08.08.00)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 13 August 1999 (13.08.99)
Applicant MISTRY, Arvind, Khandubhai	

- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
- This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
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<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
13 Augu 1999 (13.08.99)	9919019.1	GB	24 Augu 2000 (24.08.00)

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

H9862WO-DJL

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Reading/Teaching Aid

Box No. II APPLICANT

Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)

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Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

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☐ Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf
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agent



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The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

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- ☒ **AP** ARIPO Patent: GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, MZ Mozambique, SD Sudan, SL Sierra Leone, SZ Swaziland, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UG Uganda, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
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- ☒ **EP** European Patent: AT Austria, BE Belgium, CH and LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, CY Cyprus, DE Germany, DK Denmark, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, SE Sweden, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM					<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:			
		national application: country	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office	
item (1) 13 August 1999	9919019.1	United Kingdom			
item (2)					
item (3)					

☒ The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as item(s): 1

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, it is mandatory to indicate in the Supplemental Box at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)). See Supplemental Box.

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used): ISA /	Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority): Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)
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Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains the following number of sheets: request : 3 description (excluding sequence listing part) : 11 claims : 6 abstract : 1 drawings : 6 sequence listing part of description : Total number of sheets : 27	This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney 3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: 4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature 5. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): 6. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (language): 7. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material 8. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify): Patents Form 23/77
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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:	Language of filing of the international application: English
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Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).


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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application: 3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application: 4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2): 5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /	2. Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received: 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid.

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"*):

Description, pages:

1-11 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-36 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/6-6/6 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	27,33
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1,7,19,24,28-31,34
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: US-A-5 338 201 (LEVINE SHIRLEY S) 16 August 1994
- D2: US-A-3 248 805 (B A ALPER AND D J CONROY) 3 May 1966
- D3: US-A-3 878 327 (UHLER MARCUS H) 15 April 1975
- D4: US-A-4 078 319 (MAZESKI CONRAD A ET AL) 14 March 1978

The following documents are introduced by the examiner responsible for the International Preliminary Examination:

- D5: GB 2 297 186 (RICHARDS JOHN MICHAEL) 24 July 1996
- D6: DE 196 03 381 (ULRICH KÖNIG and CHRISTIAN HELGE) 7 August 1997

1. The subject-matter of claim 1 is not inventive.

Document D5, which is taken as being the closest prior art shows, a method of reading using a reading aid (see abstract and fig 1) including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part being attached to the handle part, the cursor part being positionable by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, the method including moving the cursor part along the line and/or down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, whilst manipulating the handle part whilst the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text.

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known method in that the handle part and the cursor part are attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading.

The problem to be solved may be regarded as being to provide a method of reading using a reading aid where the handle part of the aid may be moved out of the line of sight of the reader.

The solution given in claim 1 is not regarded as inventive as it is an obvious design choice for the skilled person to provide the handle part being movable with respect to the cursor part.

2. The subject-matter of claim 7 is also not inventive as the method shown in D5 shows the text being printed text.
3. The subject-matter of claims 19 and 24 is not inventive for the same reasoning as in point 1. above.
4. The subject-matter of claim 27 is not new. It is well known in the art to provide computers with means to display cursors which indicate a word or group of words being read, an example of this is the karaoke machine.

It is also known from D6 to provide a computer programmed to aid reading, there being means to display on a display screen of the computer concurrently with displaying on the display screen text to be read, a cursor, and the computer being programmed to position the cursor to indicate a word or group of words of the line of the text being read and to move the cursor along the line during reading successively to indicate words (see page 3, lines 4-9).

It is also known from D3 to provide a TV system performing the function claimed in claim 27. It would be obvious for one skilled in the art to modify D3 by using a computer system, instead of a TV system.

5. The subject-matter of claim 33 is also not new, it is well known to operate a computer according to claim 27 by moving a cursor relative to text to be read on a display screen successively to indicate words or groups of words of a line of a text to be read (see, for example, D6).
6. The subject-matter of claims 28-31 and 34 is not considered to be inventive as the features contained in these claims are all well known modifications, which one skilled in the art of textual representation would combine with the computer of D6.

VII Certain defects in the international application

1. Claims 18, 26 and 36 should be deleted as they refer directly to the description and drawings which is not allowed unless absolutely necessary.
2. The features of the claims should be provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).

VIII Certain observations on the international application

The subject-matter of claims 17, 25 and 32 is unclear. The scope of the feature, that the cursor part forms, "an image that may be attractive to children", is not able to be determined. These claims should be deleted.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference H9862WO-DJL	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/GB00/03049	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/08/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 13/08/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G09B17/00		
Applicant MISTRY, Arvind K.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 13/03/2001	Date of completion of this report 12.11.2001
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB00/03049

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-11 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-36 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/6-6/6 as originally filed

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-16, 19-24, 28-31,34,35
	No:	Claims	17-18, 25-27, 32-33,36
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	3-6, 8, 10-16, 20-23, 34-35
	No:	Claims	1-2, 7, 9, 17-19, 24-33, 36
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-36
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

D3: US-A-3 878 327 (UHLER MARCUS H) 15 April 1975
D5: GB 2 297 186 (RICHARDS JOHN MICHAEL) 24 July 1996
D6: DE 196 03 381 (ULRICH KÖNIG, CHRISTIAN HELGE) 7 August 1997

1. The subject-matter of claim 1 is not inventive.
Document D5, which is taken as being the closest prior art, shows a method of reading using a reading aid (see abstract and fig 1) including a handle part which is adapted to be gripped manually at a location spaced from text to be read, and a cursor part being attached to the handle part, the cursor part being positionable by manipulating the handle part to indicate a part of a line of the text being read, the method including moving the cursor part along the line and/or down the text during reading to indicate successive words or groups of words, whilst manipulating the handle part whilst the cursor part is maintained generally flat against the text.

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known method in that the handle part and the cursor part are attached by a joint which permits the handle part to be moved relative to the cursor part during reading.

The problem to be solved may be regarded as being to provide a method of reading using a reading aid where the handle part of the aid may be moved out of the line of sight of the reader.

The solution given in claim 1 is not regarded as inventive as it is an obvious design choice for the skilled person to provide the handle part being movable with respect to the cursor part.

- 2.1 The subject-matter of claim 2 is also not inventive as the handle part of D5 is thin (see figure 1).

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- 2.2 The subject-matter of claim 7 is also not inventive as the method shown in D5 shows the text being printed text.
- 2.3 The subject-matter of claim 9 is not inventive as it is obvious to provide a cursor with a length greater than two words of average length of the text.
3. The subject-matter of claims 19 and 24 is not inventive for the same reasoning as in point 1. above.
4. The subject-matter of claim 27 is not new. It is well known in the art to provide computers with means to display cursors which indicate a word or group of words being read, an example of this is the karaoke machine.

It is also known from D6 to provide a computer programmed to aid reading, there being means to display on a display screen of the computer concurrently with displaying on the display screen text to be read, a cursor, and the computer being programmed to position the cursor to indicate a word or group of words of the line of the text being read and to move the cursor along the line during reading successively to indicate words (see page 3, lines 4-9).

It is also known from D3 to provide a TV system performing the function claimed in claim 27. It would be obvious for one skilled in the art to modify D3 by using a computer system, instead of a TV system.

5. The subject-matter of claim 33 is also not new, it is well known to operate a computer according to claim 27 by moving a cursor relative to text to be read on a display screen successively to indicate words or groups of words of a line of a text to be read (see, for example, D6).
6. The subject-matter of claims 28-31 and 34 is not considered to be inventive as the features contained in these claims are all well known modifications, which one skilled in the art of textual representation would combine with the computer of D6.
7. The subject-matter of the claims 3-6, 8, 10-16, 20-23 and 35 is considered to be novel and inventive.

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VII Certain defects in the international application

1. Claims 18, 26 and 36 are not allowable as they refer directly to the description and drawings which in this case is not absolutely necessary (Rule 6.2(a) PCT).
2. The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).

VIII Certain observations on the international application

1. The subject-matter of claims 17, 25 and 32 is unclear. The scope of the feature, that the cursor part forms, "an image that may be attractive to children", is not able to be determined.
2. The claims as a whole are not concise (Article 6 PCT). The large number of independent claims (1, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35 and 36) makes it difficult to determine the scope of the invention. §

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference H9862W0-DJL	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/03049	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/08/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 13/08/1999
Applicant MISTRY, Arvind K.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.



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None of the figures.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference H9862WO-DJL/scf	
International application No. PCT/GB00/03049	International filing date (day/month/year) 8 August 2000
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Title of invention Reading/Teaching Aid	
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☐ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims

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the drawings

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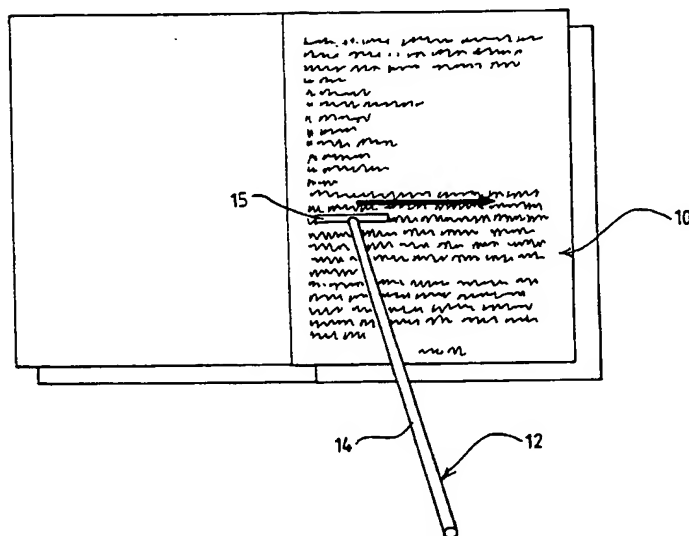
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